

**MINUTES  
TREE BOARD  
September 26, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dan Bullock called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on September 26, 2019 in the Town Hall meeting room.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present for roll call:

Members Present:        Dan Bullock, Co-Chairperson  
                                 Gabe Riley, Member  
                                 JoAnn Teeple, Member  
                                 Sarah Kemme, Member  
                                 Kim Bock, Member

Town Staff Present:     Mike Callas, Town Liaison  
                                 Marty Silverstein, Board of Trustees Representative  
                                 Kae McDonald, Boards and Commissions Clerk

Guests & Observers:    None Present

**CONSENT AGENDA**

***Motion Passed:*** Dan ***moved*** to approve the June 2019 Tree Board minutes. Kim ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

**PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA**

There were no persons present, not on the agenda, to address the Board.

**REPLACEMENT TREES FOR MAIN STREET—ASSIGN TASKS**

Mike specifically wanted to address whether the tree in front of Main Street Liquors should be replaced at this time. The tree was heavily damaged and has been removed. If the tree is to be replaced, Mike would prefer to see a columnar species because it will lead to fewer pedestrian and/or vehicle conflicts; possibly an Oak similar to that in front of Backbone Media on 4<sup>th</sup> and Colorado. In light of a possible redesign of Main Street, Dan suggested that the tree not be replaced at the current time. Mike commented that subgrade work could be done so a tree could be installed later. Gabe said that in reference to the larger discussion about the redesign of Main Street, it made more sense to wait until there was a comprehensive plan, but that the group should move quickly on that plan. Kim agreed with Gabe and suggested that a walk down Main Street would be helpful. Sarah concurred that it would be better to wait.

***Motion Passed:*** Dan ***moved*** to wait to install a new tree in front of Main Street Liquors until a comprehensive plan for the treescape along Main Street was completed. Gabe ***seconded*** the motion, and it was ***unanimously approved***.

Dan listed the tasks that he had for the Main Street Redesign:

Concepts: Gabe and Kim  
Grants: Lisa and Sarah  
Contacts: Joanne and Dan

**SOPRIS LOFTS SITE PLAN REVIEW**

Mike present the Sopris Lofts Site Plan for review; Sopris Lofts is located at the southeast corner of Main Street and Highway 133 where RFTA currently leases a Park-N-Ride. Mike listed several specific concerns with the current design including the placement of two Maple trees nearest the intersection of Main Street and Highway 133, the amount of space allotted for the Honey Locusts

along Highway 133, and the proposed use of crusher finds and 3-5" cobbles between the current sidewalk and Highway 133 and under some of the trees. Joann also brought up the point that she would like to see better maintenance of the area around the bus-stop bike racks and additional access to the bus stop. After some discussion Dan listed seven recommendations for the Sopris Lofts Site Plan including:

- Move the two Honey Locusts away from Highway 133 so they don't impinge upon the sidewalk;
- Remove the two Honey Locusts in the four-foot planting strip in favor of a hedgerow;
- Substitute a columnar-type tree for the two Maples at the intersection of Main Street and Highway 133;
- Eliminate the proposed cobble strip between the sidewalk and Highway 133 in favor of maintaining the turf that is currently in place;
- Eliminate the proposed crusher finds in favor of a mulch that will decompose and ultimately benefit the trees;
- Refine the proposed tree selection;
- Redesign the bus-stop bike rack to reduce the number of plants in the immediate area and increase public access between the bus-stop and parking lot.

**Motion Passed:** Kim *moved* to recommend the above-listed seven points to the Planning Department for their review of the Sopris Lofts Site Plan. Joann *seconded* the motion, and it was *unanimously approved*.

#### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RIPARIAN AND HILLSIDE PROTECTION ZONE**

Mike introduced a proposed amendment to Section 12 in the Riparian and Hillside Protection Zone for Crystal Acres Subdivision Lots 18 through 31 along Oak Run Drive and the Town of Carbondale. This proposed amendment is requesting a waiver to allow the construction of timbered stairs with simple handrails through the riparian and hillside protection zone for access by private landowners. Currently, the PUD guidelines stipulate that primitive paths are the only type allowed in the riparian zone (defined at five feet above the 100-year floodplain). Dan asked if there were any mechanisms written into the amendments that would prevent the public from using the stairs. Joanne was not in favor of the proposed amendment because of the potential for accelerated erosion along the hillslope, the potential for the introduction of weeds, and the potential compromises to the biodiversity by increased activity in the zone. Gabe did not feel like the amendment would translate into a win-win situation for Town property.

**Motion Passed:** Kim *moved* to recommend denial of the proposed Amendment to the Riparian and Hillside Protection Zone for Lots 18 through 31 along Oak Run Drive in the Crystal Acres Subdivision as currently written. Gabe *seconded* the motion, and it was *unanimously approved*.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The September 26, 2019, regular meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled on October 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kae McDonald